

My name is Joshua Evans and I am a student, a taxpayer, and a volunteer, and I am running for the one year seat on the Dudley-Charlton Regional School Committee.

As a volunteer poll-worker for the Town of Charlton, I consider citizen involvement very essential in creating a healthy community. I've spoken at events and have been on local access shows frequently to discuss the power of the individual in the community. I firmly believe that parents and students should never feel turned away from or unable to impact their local governments, and that they hold the power to make all the difference.

Communication is another issue important to me, and I would like to see the Town and the School Committee engage each other much more often to form a stronger and healthier relationship. At a time where our school budget has jumped 6% higher from where it was the year before, healthy and invigorating discussion is not just welcomed, but required.

These beliefs, plus the many ideas for what we could be doing with our schools push me to run for this seat. I would like to see Dudley-Charlton set the example for other schools and districts in involvement and in using creative and new educational tools and technologies, and I can't do it alone. Please consider me on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

- Josh